

## Liturgies

Saturday, December 8, THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (S)

"Hail full of grace, the Lord is with you."

♦ Rosary 4:00 p.m. ♦ Confessions 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 pm

Mass 5:00 p.m. – † Concetta Melfi

Vocation Prayer - Rev. Pawel Szymanowski, C.R.

Sunday, December 9, ADVENT 2nd SUNDAY

"All flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Giuseppina Imola, † Mario & Margherita Petrella, † Salvatore & Vincenza Nardone, † Antonia & Angelo DiFelice, † Alex Zahrybelny Sr., † Francisco M. Vieira

Mass 11:00 a.m. – Missa Pro Populo, (For the People)

Vocation Prayer - Rev. Lech Wychichowski, C.R.

Tuesday, December 11,

"God does not desire the loss of the little ones."

♦ Confessions 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

♦ Devotions 6:30 p.m. Padre Pio Devotions (Italian)

Mass 7:00 p.m. – † Lucia D'Eramo † Joe Petitti, † Ernesto Danuco, † Souls in Purgatory, For the Petitions in the Book of Intentions

Vocation Prayer - Rev. Stanley Zaryczny, C.R.

Wednesday, December 12, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (F)

"Blessed is she who has believed in the fulfillment of the Lord's promises."

9:00 a.m. – Int. of John & Isabel Carvallo

Vocation Prayer – Carmelites of Mary Immaculate (C.M.I.)

Thursday, December 13, ST. LUCY (M)

"No one has arisen greater than John the Baptist."

Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Beth Lechowicz

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Brendan McGrath

Friday, December 14, ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS (M)

"This generation listened neither to John nor to Jesus."

Mass 9:00 a.m. – † Amparo Eugenio

♦ Eucharistic Adoration following Mass, concluding with Benediction at 10:30 a.m., confession available only when time permits

Vocation Prayer – Rev. Miro Grubisic, O.F.M.

Saturday, December 15,

"Elijah has come already, and they did not recognize him."

♦ Rosary 4:00 p.m. ♦ Confessions 4:00 p.m. – 4:45 pm

Mass 5:00 p.m. – † Lucyna Szczepanek

Vocation Prayer - Rev. David Perrin

Sunday, December 16, ADVENT 3rd SUNDAY

"The crowds asked, 'What shall we do?'"

Mass 9:00 a.m. – Missa Pro Populo, (For the People)

Mass 11:00 a.m. – † Joanne Giammichele, † Conrad Viau, † Renencio Raquipo, † Gerald Mitchell, † Angelina Lancaster, † Cyril Romain

Vocation Prayer - Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.



## ADVENT CALENDAR - JOIN US!

Holy Rosary prayer and other devotions:

- Saturday 4:00 pm (with Divine Mercy Chaplet 3rd Sat)
- Tuesday 6:30 pm (2nd Tue in Italian with Padre Pio Devotions, 4th Tue with devotions to Madonna Della Libera)
- ADVENT CONFESSIONS –

1. ST. MARY'S – Tue. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, Tue Dec 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
Confessions without Penitential Service, one visiting priest.
2. ST. BASIL – Wed. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>, starts at 7:00 pm with Penitential Service, visiting priests a usual.
3. ST. PIUS X – Wed. Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, starts at 7:00 pm with Penitential Service, visiting priests as usual.

- ADVENT RETREAT SUNDAY – Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> / Deacon Randy Matters will preach homilies. There will be time to ask Deacon Randy about his recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

## ADVENT for CHILDREN and all ...

The Advent season is filled with preparation and expectation. Everyone is getting ready for Christmas – shopping and decorating, baking and cleaning. In the midst of the hustle and bustle of the season, let us strive to keep Advent a season of waiting and longing, keeping vigil with Virgin Mary, preparing a place for Jesus in our hearts, at homes ... we invite children to 11:00 am Mass with:

3. **Third Sunday of Advent** is a joyful Sunday, we are almost there. Children please dress as a favourite character of the Christmas story, be it Mary, Joseph, a shepherd, one of the kings, or a manger animal ... The best COSTUMES will be rewarded.

4. **Fourth Sunday of Advent.** It is only a few days before Christmas. Do you have a BABY JESUS for your home? Make your Baby Jesus, cut it out, model it, paint it or if you bought one bring it to Church for a blessing.

## CHRISTMAS TABLE MATCH

Let no one stay alone this Christmas!

Message to St. Mary's Parishioners and attending guests.

❖ Are you going to spend your Christmas alone? Are you a student not going back home for Christmas? Are you a single person? Would you like to join somebody else at their CHRISTMAS TABLE? Let us know and we will try to connect you with a host.

❖ Are you going to have a spare place at your CHRISTMAS TABLE? Would you be able to invite someone to spend this special time with you? Let us know and we will try to connect you with someone who would love to join you. Let no one spend this Christmas alone!

## Sunday Collection for December 1/2, 2018

Env. \$3297.90 + Loose \$502.85 + On-line \$752.51 = \$4553.26



**THANK YOU,**  
for your generosity!  
Your gift and attendance truly matters.

It is the life and future for our parish!

For diocesan events calendar please see the notice board in the church narthex, check our website or subscribe to diocesan newsletter at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

## ADVENT WREATH HOME PRAYERS

*For blessing the wreath, the following prayer is suggested:*

**O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Then follows the prayer which is said in the evening each night of the second week in Advent.*

### ■ The Second Week

**O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Then the second purple candle is lighted. Both candles burn.*

### ■ The Third Week

*The joyful Sunday in Advent (known as Gaudete) is represented by rose (or pink) instead of the purple colour. The third pink candle is lighted as well as the two previously burned purple candles.*

**O Lord, we beg Thee incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### ■ The Fourth Week

**O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Each night of this week, remaining days, the four candles burn.*



## ADVENT DISCERNMENT TIME

Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, or a consecrated man or woman in order to help our world of today to truly “prepare the way of the Lord?” If you think God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988, vocations@hamiltondiocese.com’

## CHRISTMAS CAKE CAMPAIGN

Traditional gourmet Christmas cakes made by the monks of Val Notre-Dame Abbey will go on sale the weekend of Dec 15th/16th after each mass. It’s \$20 for a small cake, \$25 for a sweet gift basket, and \$30 for the savoury gift basket. The proceeds go to support the pro-life movement and its campaign to win respect and protection for all human life – at all stages of its development. This is a low-key way to help a good cause and also enjoy a delightful Christmas treat.



### DAILY MASS IN THE WINTER SEASON

Our weekday Holy Masses may be moved to Msgr. Maloney Room when it is really cold. The room can serve as a temporary chapel up to 20 seats. *The Tuesday evening Mass will be still be in the church. Friday Holy Hour will be cancelled when in the room.* There will be a sign on the doors. The entry door to the room is off of Colborne Street, by the school.

## Thank You for Support!

- ♦ Fiesta Pinoy Village raised \$1,000.00 selling their Spring Roll Dinners in October. It is a very good beginning, congratulations!
- ♦ CWL raised \$318.05 selling their baked goodies. It was for their statutory needs. You were sweet to support this cause.
- ♦ Donations in Memoriam of † Kay Petersen \$505.00
- ♦ Donations in Memoriam of † Peter Mitchell \$445.00

*Donations in Memoriam are a way to remember our deceased and to support the church on their behalf. In memoriam donations often come with a request for In Memoriam Masses that can be booked in the office.*

## MOTHER OF AMERICA

Two important liturgical celebrations in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary fittingly occur during the Season of Advent. They are the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8th, a holy day of obligation, and the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th. The two celebrations are closely related to each other, for Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared for the first time to Saint Juan Diego on December 9, 1531, which, at that time in the Spanish Empire, was the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. [...]

The Mother of God has shown her particular affection for the entire continent of America by her appearances to Saint Juan Diego in 1531. The Blessed Virgin Mary came to our continent to show us her loving care in all of our needs and sufferings, and to bring us to her Divine Son, the Mercy of God Incarnate for us. After her apparitions and through her intercession, in a truly miraculous way, literally millions of Native Americans received the grace of faith and Baptism, and the horrible practice of the human sacrifice of hundreds of thousands was ended. What is more, the Native Americans and the Europeans who were on the brink of a deadly conflict, were brought together in unity to form a new people and culture, the mestiza culture which has its identity in the Virgin of Guadalupe, affectionately called La Morenita. Let us entrust our continent to the prayers of Our Lady of Guadalupe, so that the faith may be brought to all and the inviolable dignity of the life of each brother and sister may be fully respected. [...]

*(from the homily of Cardinal R. Burke)*

***O God, You have been pleased to bestow upon us unceasing favors by having placed us under the special protection of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary. Grant us, your humble servants, who rejoice in honoring her today upon earth, the happiness of seeing her face to face in heaven. Through Christ our Lord.***